

Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library

~ Johnston's public library ~

1 Memorial Ave. – Johnston, RI 02919

LONG RANGE PLAN, 1998 - 2003

Mission Statement

The mission of Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library is to provide a multi-based community facility that is dedicated to meet the needs of people in the next millennium. We are committed to excellence in the development of learning and knowledge. Our purpose is to foster and enhance this knowledge for the young and old by maintaining library collections, providing reference service and technological resources, and various programs for patrons of all ages thus continuing to be an indispensable link to the community.

COMMUNITY NEEDS STATEMENT

The Mohr Library was established as a memorial and public library for the Town of Johnston. Since 1961 it has become a permanent valuable asset for present and future generations.

The library has grown, not only in its collection of books, tapes (audio and video), CDs, and services, but also in its physical size. The citizens of Johnston and surrounding communities can look back at the growth of the library with great pride and anticipation of what the future will bring.

PRIMARY IDENTIFIABLE NEEDS INCLUDE:

A larger facility which will: accommodate the growing needs and demands of the library community; a community room to host programs sponsored by the library and for use by the community for meetings, programs, and workshops; expansion of handicap accessibility to all levels of the library; expansion of parking facilities and exterior lighting to increase safety and security of staff and patrons; building security system; updated telephone system; restoration of the Meditation Garden; a yearly 'open house', tours and presentations of new collections and equipment; an annual holiday event that rotates annually through the year; a full-time assistant children's librarian; a full-time reference librarian; and sufficient staff and funding to operate the library expanded hours including Sunday hours.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

SECURE SUFFICIENT FUNDS:

Strengthen the importance of cooperation between town and state agencies in meeting public library mandates. Seek out available funding for expansion so the most identifiable needs and problems can be resolved. Continue to develop the library's collection of materials to meet patrons' desires and needs.

STRENGTHEN CURRENT WEAKNESSES:

Offer more young adult programming. Expand and enhance programming for adults. Offer programs for handicapped children so that the children and their parents can have the same social contacts. Increase the number of library users. Enhance the positive awareness and attitude of the community toward the library. Strengthen contact between the library and the schools, including private schools. Participate in state or national programs related to reading (such as Turn off TV Week and National Library Week). Create a link between the community and town agencies creating a better understanding between the two.

DEVELOP PRIMARY STRENGTHS:

Continue to update and improve the reference collections of the library, including business reference. Further develop the children's collection. Expand children's programming. Expand outreach programming from pre-school to senior patrons. Maintain a well-rounded periodical subscription collection. Ensure the adult book collection is well-balanced and appropriately current. The Rhode Island history, Johnston history, large print, audio, video, and other special collections are maintained properly. Encourage greater cooperation with, and use of the library by, community-based nursing homes and other housing for the elderly.

CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN:

CLAN (RI Cooperating Libraries Automated Network), RILA, RHILINET, COLA, and other library support efforts.

PRIME PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Mohr is to continue to strive for service excellence for the patrons in our community.

EVALUATION

This plan shall be subject to regular annual evaluation and revision by the Board of Trustees, in addition to regular review of any item addressed in this plan. The annual review shall include re-examination of the objectives and compared with actual measures accomplished showing the progress in implementing this plan. In the fifth year, a complete review and/or revision shall be done of the plan.

Passed by the Board of Trustees, July 20, 1998.